



Fiscal Note
H.B. 261 3rd Sub. (Cherry)
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 Fire Related Amendments
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General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(6,200)	\$(800)	\$(7,000)

State Government

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Revenues	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
General Fund	\$0	\$(3,500)	\$(3,500)
New Account Created By Bill (FN Only)	\$0	\$6,000,000	\$4,000,000
Total Revenues	\$0	\$5,996,500	\$3,996,500

Enactment of this legislation could increase revenues to the newly created Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness and Mitigation Fund by \$6,000,000 one-time in FY 2024 and up to \$4,000,000 in FY 2025. This legislation could also reduce revenue to the General Fund by \$3,500 each year from lower fees and fines associated with changing closed fire season violations from a class B to a class C misdemeanor.

Expenditures	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
General Fund	\$0	\$2,700	\$2,700
General Fund, One-time	\$800	\$0	\$0
Mineral Bonus (GFR)	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0
Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
Total Expenditures	\$800	\$6,002,700	\$4,002,700

Enactment of this legislation may cost the Department of Government Operations \$800 one-time in FY 2023, and \$100 ongoing beginning in FY 2024, to create the Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness and Mitigation Fund and administer the necessary end of year transfers. The agency has stated that they can absorb these costs. This legislation may also cost the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL) \$2,600 ongoing beginning in FY 2024 to administer grants and post notices on their website, which can be absorbed by the agency. Enactment of this legislation could transfer up to \$4,000,000 one-time from year-end General Fund surpluses to the Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation (WIPPM) Fund in FY 2024 and FY 2025 for prevention activities and grants to fire departments. This amount is contingent on year-end receipts and the balance in the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund. Finally, this legislation transfers \$2,000,000 one-time from the Mineral Bonus Account to the newly created WIPPM Account.

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	<i>FY 2023</i>	<i>FY 2024</i>	<i>FY 2025</i>
Net All Funds	<u>\$(800)</u>	<u>\$(6,200)</u>	<u>\$(6,200)</u>

Local Government UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Enactment of this legislation could reduce revenue to Local Governments by \$2,000 each year from lower fees and fines associated with changing closed fire season violations from a class B to a class C misdemeanor.

Individuals & Businesses UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

To the extent that individuals violate provisions of the legislation relating to closed fire seasons, their imposed fines would decrease from \$680 to \$340 per violation, for an estimated savings of \$5,500 in aggregate.

Regulatory Impact UCA 36-12-13(2)(d)

Enactment of this legislation could result in a small reduction in the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses.

Performance Evaluation JR1-4-601

This bill does not create a new program or significantly expand an existing program.

Notes on Notes

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